

AMIGO Environmental Awards



ELIGIBILITY

Nominees for the **Process Improvements** category may be any AMIGO member manufacturing or industrial facility. Nominees for the **Pollution Prevention Promotion** category may be any AMIGO member, individual or organization, and are not required to represent manufacturing or industrial facilities. Individuals or organizations may be nominated for both categories, however, an entry form must accompany each nomination. AMIGO membership is required by Sept. 26, 2003 for eligibility and award applications must be received by Oct. 10, 2003. Any individual or organization may submit nominations and are not required to be AMIGO members themselves. For applications that are not self-nominations, a letter from the nominee authorizing the nomination must accompany the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Membership in the AMIGO program is required by Sept. 26, 2003 to be eligible. The award application deadline is Oct. 10, 2003.

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A binational Arizona/Sonora border program of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in coordination with counterpart agencies in Sonora and supported through grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality does not have jurisdictional authority for facilities located outside of Arizona. Pursuant to the binational nature of the AMIGO program, jurisdictional authorities in Mexico require prior approval of award recipients. It is the sole responsibility of the individual facility to ensure compliance with applicable environmental regulations.

CATEGORIES

PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

One award will be issued to a twin-plant or maquiladora member organization that has implemented pollution prevention in its manufacturing process(es) and is located within the defined border region.

POLLUTION PREVENTION PROMOTION

One award will be issued to a member organization or individual for outstanding efforts to promote pollution prevention through education, direct assistance or other outreach activities within the defined border region.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The applications must provide specific details on each of the applicable criteria for activities that occurred, or were initiated between Sept. 2001 and Sept. 2003. Evaluations will be conducted by a panel based upon the listed criteria.

Environmental Benefits

Illustrates environmental benefits through the reduction in volume or level of toxicity, the generation of hazardous wastes or the use of chemicals and related discharges or emissions.

Employee and Community Involvement

Demonstrates employee or organizational involvement in pollution prevention activities in the community.

Management Support

Indicates management support relating to changes in policies, procedures or operations to meet pollution prevention goals and future actions planned to provide on-going pollution prevention activities.

Economic Benefits

Demonstrates financial savings or quality improvement to the product or other operations due to the implementation of pollution prevention.

Pollution Prevention Hierarchy

Highlights the hierarchy of environmental management with highest priority placed on source reduction; followed by decreasing priority on reuse, recycling, and treatment; and with disposal as the option of last resort.

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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Criteria Demonstration: Include a description of the pollution prevention activity that outlines how the process improvements or pollution prevention promotion meets the applicable selection criteria. For process improvements, be specific on the types and quantities of wastes or toxic chemicals reduced within the specified time frame, the reasons and time required for implementation, effects on product quality, and financial savings. For pollution prevention promotion, identify the target audience(s) and number, topics or issues presented, the level of employee and community involvement, and the number of events within the specified time frame.

EXAMPLES OF EXECUTIVE STATEMENTS

Process Improvements: As of October 2002, ABC Incorporated began utilizing EP-921, a biodegradable solvent with low VOC content, instead of Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK), as a solder flux cleaning agent in the manufacturing of printed circuit boards. In a period of six months, ABC Incorporated reduced the generation of hazardous waste by 20%, with eight 55-gallon drums of hazardous waste manifested for disposal within that time frame. During the previous six months, ten 55-gallon drums of hazardous wastes were manifested for disposal. Production levels remained the same throughout the year and the company realized a savings of \$1,200.00 in disposal costs.

Pollution Prevention Promotion: During the month of April 2003, XYZ Incorporated conducted presentations on environmental topics to three elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. The environmental topics included a summary of our corporate environmental policy and stressed the importance of pollution prevention and waste minimization by demonstrating our implementation of the "reduce, reuse, recycle" philosophy in our manufacturing processes. A total of 500 students and eight company employees participated in the actual presentations.

The entire application should not exceed ten (10) pages including the application form. The remaining pages should include the information requested below. Applications and supporting materials will not be returned.

Application Form: A completed nomination form that includes the address and contact information requested on the application form below or the same data provided on a cover sheet.

Executive Statement: Summarize the process improvement or pollution prevention promotion activity in 250 words or less.

Supporting Materials: Attach any relevant supporting documentation, such as photographs, news clippings, diagrams, policy statements, employee literature, etc. The name of the nominee should be marked on each of the attachments.

APPLICATION SECTION

Please return this completed section or include the requested information along with your full application packet. If not submitting a self-nomination, please submit a letter from the nominee providing permission to be nominated.

Date Submitted: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Contact and Title: _____

Site Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone/Fax Numbers: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Organization and Title: _____

Phone/Fax Numbers: _____

E-mail: _____